

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 623**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Vincent**

February 19, 1999

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An act to add Section 209.1 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to juvenile halls.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 623, as introduced, Vincent. Juvenile halls.

Existing law, under the Arnold-Kennick Juvenile Court Law, provides for inspection of juvenile detention facilities and standards for juvenile halls, as specified.

This bill would provide that in Los Angeles County the chief probation officer may inform the presiding judge of the juvenile court when the population of the county juvenile hall equals or exceeds 130 percent of its rated capacity, as determined by the Board of Corrections. The bill would provide that the presiding judge may limit commitments to a county juvenile hall to minors who have committed certain offenses, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 209.1 is added to the Welfare and  
2 Institutions Code, to read:  
3 209.1. (a) In a county of the first class, as defined by  
4 Section 28022 of the Government Code, the chief

1 probation officer may notify the presiding judge of the  
2 juvenile court when the county juvenile hall population  
3 equals or exceeds 130 percent of its rated capacity, as  
4 determined by the Board of Corrections.

5 (b) Upon notification, the presiding judge may limit  
6 commitments to the juvenile hall to the following until  
7 the population decreases to less than 130 percent of the  
8 rated capacity.

9 (1) Any minor who is alleged to have committed any  
10 offense listed in subdivision (b) of Section 707.

11 (2) Any minor who is alleged to be a person described  
12 in Section 602, who previously has been adjudged to be a  
13 ward of the court under this section.

14 (3) Any minor who has escaped from a state or county  
15 juvenile detention facility.

16 (4) Any minor who is arrested pursuant to an  
17 outstanding warrant.

18 Any minor, who would otherwise be housed at the  
19 juvenile hall in the absence of overcrowding, may be  
20 diverted to alternative facilities or programs.

21 SEC. 2. The Legislature hereby finds and declares  
22 that a special statute is necessary and that a general  
23 statute cannot be made applicable, within the meaning of  
24 Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution,  
25 because unique circumstances apply to the County of Los  
26 Angeles in regard to its juvenile hall system.

